



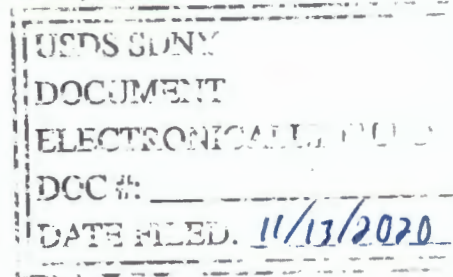
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The Honorable John G. Koeltl
United States District Judge
United States District Court
500 Pearl Street
New York, New York 10007



Re: *Informed Consent Action Network v. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*, 20 Civ. 6177 (JGK)

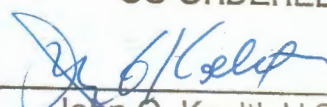
Dear Judge Koeltl:

This Office represents defendant Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") in the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") lawsuit commenced by plaintiff Informed Consent Action Network ("Plaintiff"). After meeting and conferring with counsel for Plaintiff on October 30, 2020 and again yesterday, I write respectfully on behalf of the parties to request that the initial pretrial conference scheduled for November 17, 2020, at 2:30 p.m. be adjourned without date. Plaintiff's counsel consents to this request.

Over the last several weeks, the parties have been in discussions regarding Plaintiff's FOIA request in an attempt to reach a consensual resolution regarding the scope of that request and the timing of any agreed-upon production. If the parties are able to reach a resolution, the parties will submit for the Court's approval a stipulation and order regarding the scope of the request and a proposed timetable for CDC's processing and production of non-exempt records. If the parties cannot reach agreement, the parties will seek the Court's assistance in resolving the issue. Accordingly, the parties request that the initial pretrial conference be adjourned without date, and propose that the parties be granted leave to file a joint status update of their negotiations within 30 days after the Court has ruled on the instant letter motion.

We thank the Court for its consideration of this letter.

APPLICATION GRANTED
SO ORDERED


John G. Koeltl, U.S.D.J.

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Respectfully,

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